

Government sets up Public Libraries Advisory Committee

The Home Affairs Bureau today (May 6) announced the setting up of the Public Libraries Advisory Committee to advise the Government on the overall development strategy of Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL).

With the successful completion of its two-year tenure, the Committee on Libraries recommended in its report in May, 2007, the setting up of an advisory body on the overall development strategy of public libraries. To take forward this recommendation, the Public Libraries Advisory Committee has been set up to advise the Government on the following:

- (a) The formulation of strategies and measures for the development of library facilities and services to achieve the broader cultural mission of HKPL;
- (b) The role, functions and management of the Hong Kong Central Library; and
- (c) The encouragement of community support and partnership with different sectors in promoting reading, lifelong learning and literary arts.

The appointments will be for two years from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2010. Members appointed include professionals, academics, community personalities and government representatives.

The membership list of the Advisory Committee is as follows:

Chairman: Prof John Leong Chi-yan

Vice-Chairman: Mr Cheung Chi-kong

Members: Dr Chan Kin-wai

Prof Leonard Chan Kwok-kou

Dr Chan Man-hung

Ms Yolanda Chiu Wai-kan

Dr Kan Lai-bing

Ms Kwan Sau-king

Prof Lee Kam-keung

Mr Sunny Lee Wai-kwong

Prof Lo Wai-luen

Mr Gerry Ma Kwai-yung

Ms Ng Mei-mei

Mrs Grace Tam Cheung Kit-ying

Mr Dennis Tin Ding-sin

Mr Kenneth Ying Tze-man

Representative of the Education Bureau

Representative of the Government Records Service

Representative of the Home Affairs Bureau

Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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